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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Immediately after the title, please insert the
following:

--This application is a continuation of
International Application No. PCT/JP00/02171, filed April 4,

2000, which claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-097852, filed April 5, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 9, lines 2-3, change "any one of claims 5 to 7" to --claim 5--.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended above to make reference to parent International Application No. PCT/JP00/02171 (filed April 4, 2000) and Japanese Patent Application No. 11-097852 (filed April 5, 1999), from which International Application No. PCT/JP00/02171 claims benefit.

Claim 9 has been amended to place the claim in proper multiply-dependent form. Claims 1-9 are pending in this application.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

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